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1. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE DATED 5-30-78 TO
DR. V.V. KRINITSKY, MAIN CONSERVATION ADMINISTRATION, WITH
COPY TO KAZAKOV, HYDROMET.

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DR. V.V. KRINITSKY
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DEAR VASILI VASILEVICH:

THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION IS INTERESTED IN SENDING
MR. GEORGE HARRISON TO THE USSR TO TOUR VARIOUS NATURE PRE-
SERVES AND PHOTOGRAPH THEIR WILDLIFE. THIS PROPOSED VISIT
WOULD BE TIMED TO COINCIDE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR
THE CONSERVATION OF NATURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES MEETING IN

ASHKHABAD IN SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER.

WE WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING ITINERARY TO YOU:

SEPTEMBER 11-24:

-ENTER THE USSR AT KHABAROVSK, WORK IN THE SIKHOTE-ALIN RESERVE FOR SIBERIAN TIGER, SIKH DEER, GORAL, BROWN BEAR, YELLOW-THROATED MARTENS.

-YAKUTSK PRESERVE FOR TUNDRA WILDLIFE

-LAKE BAIKAL - BARGRUZIN PRESERVE FOR SABLE, MUSK DEER, RED DEER, BROWN BEAR, BAIKAL SEAL, AND ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP EFFORTS.

SEPTEMBER 25-OCTOBER 5:

-TRAVEL TO ASHKHABAD TO ATTEND THE IUCN MEETING.

OCTOBER 6 - OCTOBER 12:

-FOLLOWING THE IUCN MEETING, WE WOULD LIKE GEORGE TO VISIT THE BADKHYZ AND REPETEK PRESERVES TO PHOTOGRAPH DESERT FLORA AND FAUNA.

-ASKANIA - NOVA FOR RESEARCH ON ENDANGERED SPECIES.

THE PRESERVES LISTED ABOVE ARE OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION AND WE HOPE THAT YOU COULD FACILITATE SUCH AN ITINERARY FOR GEORGE.

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WE WOULD REQUEST THAT THE SOVIET SIDE PROVIDE AN ESCORT-INTERPRETER FOR GEORGE. DR. YURI STARIKOV AND ALEXANDER NIKOLAEVSKY WERE HELPFUL DURING HIS LAST VISIT AND, WE WOULD WELCOME THEIR PARTICIPATION ON THIS TRIP.

THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION WOULD PAY GEORGE'S AIRFARE AND TRAIN EXPENSES, AND WE WOULD ASK THE SOVIET SIDE TO ASSUME ALL OTHER EXPENSES WHILE GEORGE IS IN THE USSR.

THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION IS WILLING TO SHARE THE PHOTOGRAPHS OBTAINED. COPIES WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO YOU FOR WHATEVER PURPOSE DESIRED AND WOULD BE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO CREDIT BOTH COUNTRIES FOR THEIR COOPERATIVE EFFORTS IN ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION.

AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE I WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING YOUR VIEWS ON THIS PROPOSAL, SINCE THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION MUST BEGIN IMMEDIATE PREPARATIONS. SINCERELY,
GERARD BERTRAHD; VANCE

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